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Dear Sir

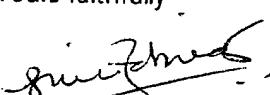
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When we filed the above PCT application we were given incorrect details regarding one of the inventors – Teresa Bravo-Maria. We sent a letter to correct this error to the International Unit of the UK Patent Office, dated 25 August 2004, and enclose a copy of our letter to them and a copy of their acknowledgement of receipt.

However we have just noticed that the details of this inventor given on the front page of the published specification WO 2005/004533 have not been corrected – see attached copy. We should be grateful if the correct details could be recorded before we file national phase applications in USA and Europe – due 1 January 2006 and 1 February 2006 respectively.

Please acknowledge receipt of this faxed letter by return fax, and we look forward to your notification that the inventor's details have been corrected on the record so that we may enclose it with our instructions for the national phases mentioned above.

Yours faithfully


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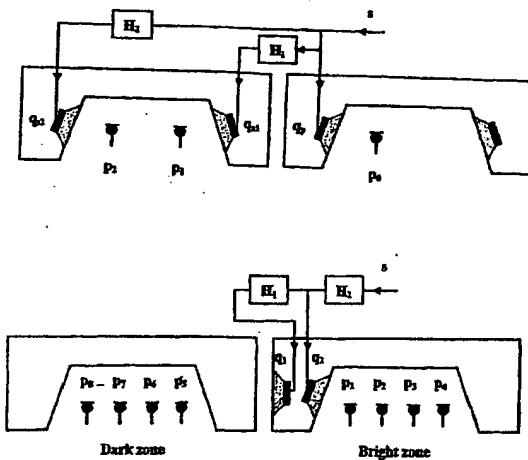
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(54) Title: SOUND REPRODUCTION SYSTEMS FOR USE BY ADJACENT USERS



(57) Abstract: A sound reproduction system for providing sound to adjacent users comprises first and second speaker means positioned respectively adjacent to the intended head positions of first and second users. Each speaker means comprises a pair of speakers, one of which (q, p) faces inwards towards the head position (po) of the user, the other of which faces outwards generally towards the head position (pl) of the second user. Filter means H_i control the input to the outwardly facing speaker (qsl) relative to the input applied to the inwardly facing speaker (qp) so as to reduce the sound that would be perceived by the second user due to the first speaker means (qp). The filter means (H_i) may provide a delayed and weighted version of the signal input to it. A sound reproduction system alternatively comprises a feedforward compensating filter means (H₁, H₂) having an input connected to the first speaker means (q²) and an output connected to the second speakers means (q¹) configured to provide the second speaker means (q¹) with a modified version of the signals fed to the first means and so reduce the sound perceived by the second user (p⁵) as emitted by the first speaker means (q²).

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